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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director, NPIC  
FROM: Chief, CIA/PID(NPIC)  
SUBJECT: Suggested Agenda Items for NPIC Retreat Symposium

1. As requested, PID submits herewith ~~the~~ three agenda items for your consideration. The senior staff members of PID believe that the following items encompass, or are at least symptomatic of, the most urgent problems requiring immediate attention.

A. What is the primary mission of the support elements of NPIC?

1. The primary mission of NPIC as stated in NPIC Notice   dated 21 November 1962, is: "....producing photographic interpretation reports, providing photographic intelligence services....." Although there are rapidly increasing TO's of the support elements, there is a noticeable degradation in the support to the PI elements responsible for producing <sup>the</sup> basic product of the Center.

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2. Specific problems include:

- a) Excessive loss of time in getting film from film vault.
- b) The declining quality over the past year of photo reproduction and slow-down of delivery service on completed orders.
- c) Excessive waste of time in determining coverage due to poor, inaccessible, out-of-date, incomplete plot books.
- d) Length of time required to obtain mensuration.
- e) Out-of-date, uncorrected blip books.
- f) Support elements assuming the liaison role with PI requestors.

B. How is adequate and timely support to be obtained for CIA departmental requirements?

1. For CIA the question of adequate support in meeting the

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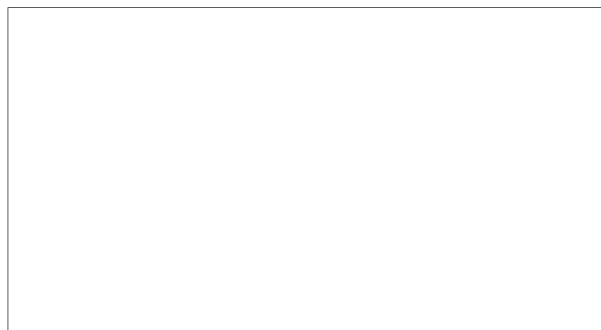
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needs of Agency analysts looms larger and larger. This is particularly important not only in attempting to meet current, expanding, departmental needs, but also in planning the future staffing, functioning, and perhaps even location of the CIA detachment. Should the present status quo prevail or should the CIA detachment aim at becoming an independent, self-sufficient shop?

C. Who determines PI policy, procedures, etc., at NPIC?

1. Should this be the Assistant for Operations, the Operations Staff, or the Operations Board or its equivalent?



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